

## 2b: Response to an Active Threat



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- An Active Threat is an emergency situation involving a person or persons who are actively engaged in killing or attempting to kill people by acts of either random or systemic violence
- In the event of an active shooter or threat situation, report it immediately to the VA police
  - Seattle ext. 6-2899 or 6-3113
  - American Lake ext. 7-4019

# Surviving an Active Shooter Event

- **Escape (Run)**

- Plan escape route
- Leave belongings behind
- Help others
- Prevent others from entering area
- Do not move wounded

- **Evade (Hide)**

- Lock and barricade doors
- Turn off lights, radios, computers
- Block windows, close blinds
- Silence cell phones
- Remain calm, quiet, out of sight
- Contact authorities
- Give first aid to injured

- **Engage (Fight)**

- Fight only as a last resort when life is in imminent danger
- Act swiftly and aggressively
- Try to incapacitate the attacker
- Use any weapon you can find (scissors, heavy objects)

# When the Police Arrive . . .

- Follow their directions
- Put down any items you are holding
- Keep hands visible at all times
- Remain in sheltered location
- Relay all information to Officers
- No quick movements
- Do not grab on to Officers

# More Information on Active Shooters

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5VcSwejU2D0>  
(Surviving an Active Shooter Event)
- TMS Course: VHA Active Threat Training #24638
- Active Threat information located on
  - VA Home Page
  - Emergency Procedures (SharePoint site)
  - ACTIVE THREAT